



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the United States was attacked by terrorists, killing thousands of innocent citizens in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of these horrific attacks, thousands of Americans displayed the highest levels of bravery and selflessness, risking or sacrificing their own lives to save their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, on this fifteenth anniversary of that terrible day, we pay tribute to the police officers, firefighters, EMS responders, federal agents and ordinary citizens who performed extraordinary acts of courage and valor during our Nation's most dire moment of need; and

WHEREAS, the tragic events of September 11, 2001 have unified our Nation against the forces of hatred and oppression and reaffirmed our dedication to the fundamental American ideals of freedom and liberty; and

WHEREAS, as New Jersey residents gather at memorial ceremonies across the State, we are once again demonstrating the resiliency, determination, compassion, strength and patriotism that define us as Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

AS

PATRIOT DAY

AND

NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

in New Jersey and urge all residents to honor those who lost their lives fifteen years ago, to reflect upon America's proud tradition of freedom and bravery and to renew our commitment to serving our communities, State and Nation.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-fourth day of August in the year two thousand sixteen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

Chris Christie
Lt. GOVERNOR

Debra F. Gans
GOVERNOR